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1. REGIONAL GEORGRAPHIC OFFICER HAS RECEIVED INFORMAL ASSURANCE THAT LEBANESE ARMY HQ HAS OFFICIALLY APPROVED &(-12 MONTHS TRAINING IN US FOR ENGINEER FROM DIRECTION DES AFFAIRES GEOGRAPHIQUES. APPROVAL IS SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO BUDGET RESTRICTIONS AGAINST FOREIGN TRAINING FOR DAG PERSONNEL.

2. ARMY HQ EXPECTED SPECIFY NEXT FEW DAYS THAT ENGINEER KHALDOUN HAIDAR TO BE SELECTED FOR TRAINING. INTERIM INFORMATION ON HAIDAR IS: AGE 35, UNMARRIED, SHIA MUSLIM, LEBANESE CITIZEN, BS DEGREE FROM AUB, JOINED DAG 1964 (CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE), ATTENDED ITC DELFT 1965-66, TOP DAG PHOTOGRAMMETRIC ENGINEER, HAS BEEN CHIEF OF CARTOGRAPHY SERVICE IN DAG FOR PAST YEAR AND IS VIRTUALLY TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF DAG, TEACHES SURVEYING AT AUB IN ADDITION WORKING WITH DAG, THOROUGHLY FLUENT IN ENGLISH, WAS ONE OF TWO DAG REPRESENTATIVES AT UN CARTOGRAPHIC CONFERENCE TEHRAN 1970, MEMBER ACSM, ACQUAINTED WITH LIFE IN US FROM TWO BROTHERS WHO ATTEND UNIVERSITY IN STATES, RECEIVES QUITE ADEQUATE INCOME FRO 2-3 JOBS AND FAMILY INVESTMENTS. HAIDAR HAS BEEN KNOWN TO RGO FOR SEVERAL

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YEARS AND IS CONSIDERED HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR JOB AND

FOR TRAINING PROPOSED. HE IS INTELLIGENT, HAS GOOD JUDGMENT, AND IS PLEASANT GENTLEMAN.

3. HAIDAR WILL RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION TO, FROM, AND IN US; VERY ADEQUATE PER DIEM; AND MISCELLANEOUS ALLOWANCES. IN ADDITION, HE FULLY WILLING PERSONALLY COVER ADDITIONAL COSTS. EXPECTS HAVE POV WHILE IN U.S.

4. CHARGES FOR TRAINING MENTIONED PARA 4 REFTEL STILL NEED CLARIFICATION, BUT HAIDAR PRIVATELY INDICATES THAT DAG WOULD PROBABLY BE WILLING COVER SOME "REASONABLE" COSTS.

5. NEW ELEMENT IS LEBANESE ARMY'S TENTATIVE WILLINGNESS SUPOORT "6-12 MONTHS" TRAINING. EXPECT HAVE THIS STATED DEFINITELY NEXT FEW DAYS. MAY BE NECESSARY REVISE TRAINING PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR THIS EXTRA TIME. WILL KEEP INR/MP INFORMED.

6. WITH MATTER APPROACHING TIME FOR FINAL DECISIONS, RGO WOULD APPRECIATE AUTHORIZATION TO CONCLUDE GENERAL AGREEMENT RE TRAINING IN US FOR HAIDAR. DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER. COGNIZANT THAT LESS THAN FOUR MONTHS LEAD TIME REMAIN, BUT PERHAPS WITH HAIDAR ATTENDING ACSM CONVENTION AS FIRST ITEM ON PROGRAM AND PERHAPS HAVING PRE-TRAINING LOOK AT SEVERAL AGENCIES, USGS WOULD HAVE APPROXIMATELY FOUR MONTHS BLOCK OUT TRAINING SCHEDULE. LETTER FOLLOWS:
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